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DPW CONTINUES ATTACK ON POTHOLES WITH WEEKEND BLITZ

Warmer temperatures and hot mix availability aids in chuckhole assault

INDIANAPOLIS - With this weekend's expected warm temperatures and the availability of hot mix patching materials, the Department of Public Works (DPW) intends to gain ground in a weekend blitz attack on potholes.

WHAT: Pothole Blitz

WHEN: Saturday, April 18, 2009

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: District 2 – Northeast Indianapolis

(N – 96th St, S – Washington St, E – Carroll Rd, W – College Ave.)

Using hot mix material, DPW work crews will concentrate efforts in the District 2 area which has the oldest resurfaced thoroughfares and experiences the most repair requests. Now that asphalt plants have re-opened after the winter season, DPW street maintenance crews have begun using hot asphalt mix whenever possible when making repairs. Though hot mix must be used at warmer temperatures than the previously used cold mix material, hot mix material allows for a much more permanent repair.

With the implementation of the new Chuckhole Kaizen Response, an improved method of addressing pothole repairs developed in partnership with Eli Lilly's Six Sigma program, DPW continues to work diligently to combat potholes across the city.

To report a pothole online visit: http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/Pages/Pothole.aspx. You may also call the Mayor's Action Center (MAC) at 327-4622 to report a pothole.